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1. HAPPY TO SAY CERTAIN ELEMENTS NATIONAL PRESS HERE AS REFLECTED BOMBAY EDITIONS TODAY TAKING SHARMA TO TASK FOR VICIOUSLY ATTACK US THIS PAST WEEKEND. TIME OF INDIA THUS FAR COME OUT SHABBILY BUT NOT UNEXPECTEDLY SINCE IT TENDS PARROT GOI LINE ON SUCH MATTERS BUT INDIAN EXPRESS IN ITS LEAD EDITORIAL THIS MORNING IS RIGHT ON TARGET AND IS TO BE

APPLAUDED WITH FREE PRESS JOURNRS BLASTING SHARMA FOR LOOSE TALK IN GOOD EDITORIAL.

2. EXPRESS EDITORIAL DESCRIBES SHARMA' S ACCUSATION AS SO SERIOUS IT CANNOT BE DISMISSED AS MERE ELECTIONEERING STUNT AND STATES GOI HAS ONLY TWO COURSES OPEN TO IT: " EITHER WE HAVE A FULL EXPOSURE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FOREIGN SUBVERTERS AND THEIR INTERNAL AGENTS OR DR. SHARMA MUST BE ASKED TO WITHDRAW HIS CHARGES." EDITORIAL CONCLUDES SAYING THAT IF THIS GOES ON, DEMOCRACY ITSELF WILL BE IN DANGER. WE UNDERSTAND EDITORIAL APPEARING BOMBAY EDITION WRITTEN IN DELHI BY EXPRESS EDITOR IN CHIEF MOOLGAOKAR WHO SUCCEEDED FRANK MORAES.

3. TIMES OF INDIA LEAD EDITORIAL IS ON SHARMA' S JANUARY SPEECH BUT IS NOTEWORTHY IN THAT IT CAREFULLY AVOIDS ANY REFERENCE TO HIS VICIOUS ATTACK ON US AND CONTENTS ITSELF WITH CRITICISING SHAG A FOR HIS ALLEDGE PROPOSAL NATIONALIZE LEGAL PROFESSION. EDITORIAL CURIOUS IN THAT PAPER ALSO CARRIES SHARMA' S CATEGORICAL DENIAL THAT CONGRESS PARTY CONSIDERING NATIONALIZATION OF LEGAL PROFESSION. WHILE LAXMAN' S EXCELLENT FRONTPAGE CARTOON DEPICTING SHARMA AS PROTECTOR OF INDIA' S DOWNTRODDEN FROM " VICIOUS POLICIES OF US" INJECTS A LITTLE BALANCE INTO TODAY' S EDITION, FAILURE TIMES TO TAKE NOTE ME EVEN SOME LIMITED EXCEPTION SHARMA ATTACK ON US REFLECTS IN OUR VIEW ITS SUBSERVIENCE GOI DIRECTION. I TALKED TO BOMBAY RESIDENT EDITOR TIMES BHATTACHARJEA LAST EVE ABOUT SHARMA ATTACK ON US AND HE PERSONALLY ACKNOWLEDGED IT UNFORTUNATE ETC BUT WAS NOT FORTHCOMING IN TERMS WHAT TIMES MIGHT HAVE TO SAY ON IT, SAYING ONTI THAT THEY HAD HAD SUBJECT UNDER DISCUSSION THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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